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SUBJ: CERP 0008 EVALUATION OF UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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A. UNDP RES REP IS EFFECTIVE LEADER AND COORDINATOR OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY EFFORTS IN THAILAND - COUNTRY-TEAM TYPE ARRANGEMENT WITH HEADS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SITTING IN COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY RES REP HAS CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASED COMMUNICATIONS AND COOPERATION AMONG UN AGENCIES. RELATIONS WITH IBRD AND ECAFE UNDERTAKINGS IN THAILAND ARE ALSO CLOSE AND SYNERGISTIC. RES REP'S RELATIONS WITH RTG GOOD AND HE IS CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE. BOTH UNICEF AND UNSFDAC HAVE OPERATIONALLY CLOSE LINKS WITH UNDP OFFICE IN THAILAND. NEITHER ORGANIZATION'S PROJECTS ARE INTEGRALLY WOVEN INTO COUNTRY PROGRAM. HOWEVER THEIR PARTICIPATION IN REVIEWS AND PROJECT MANAGERS' MEETINGS HAVE RESULTED IN BENEFITS TO THE UNDERTAKINGS.

B. COORDINATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE HIGHLY STRUCTURED AND EFFECTIVE IN THAILAND. COORDINATION PRESENTLY DONE ON THREE LEVELS:

1. CONSULTATIVE GROUP - YEARLY MEETINGS SPONSORED BY IBRD HELD TO REVIEW PROGRESS TOWARD GOALS OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN, IDENTIFY NEEDS FOR ASSISTANCE AND DISCUSS STATE OF ECONOMY. LAST MEETING HELD MAY 1973. 1974 MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1974 POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 1974 AS RESULT RECENT CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT. ALL DONORS PARTICIPATE AS WELL AS RTG.
2. HISTORICALLY, DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GROUP (DAG/T) MEETINGS OF ALL

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DONORS AND RTG HELD SEVERAL TIMES EACH YEAR TO DISCUSS ASPECTS OF

THAI DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTE COORDINATION. SPECIFIC SECTOR SUBGROUPS ALSO MEET REGULARLY. FAO REP CHAIRS AGRICULTURE SUBGROUP. UNDP TAKES LEAD WITH RTG IN ASSEMBLING AND PUBLISHING A YEARLY COMPENDIUM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THAILAND UNDER AUSPICES OF DAG/T. THIS IS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT COORDINATING TOOLS AVAILABLE TO DONORS.

3. CLOSE INFORMAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DONORS EXIST. RTG OCCASIONALLY BRINGS SELECTED DONORS TOGETHER ON AD HOC BASIS TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND DIRECTIONS. EXCHANGE OF PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND MUTUAL SOLICITATION OF ADVICE AMONG DONORS IS NORM IN THAILAND.

C. UNDP HELD FIRST PROGRAM WIDE REVIEW IN SEPTEMBER 1973. RTG PROVIDED VENUE AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED. RTG REPRESENTATIVES WERE FROM CONCERNED SUBSTANTIVE MINISTRIES AND CENTRAL PLANNING ENTITIES. REPORTS INDICATE THE REVIEWS WERE USEFUL AND NUMEROUS DECISIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF THE MEETING. UN PERSONNEL FURTHER INDICATED THAT REVIEWS SHOULD BECOME EVEN MORE USEFUL AS TIME PASSES.

D. MISSION HAS REGULAR MEETINGS WITH RES REP AND COPIES OF UN PROJECT PROPOSALS ARE FURNISHED U.S. MISSION FOR COMMENT. ADDITIONALLY, SECTOR EXPERTS COOPERATE WITH THEIR UN COUNTERPARTS IN DESIGN STAGES OF PROJECTS AND VICE VERSA. MISSION HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH UNSFDAC REP IN ASSISTING IN START UP OF THEIR INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROJECT. UNSFDAC ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO THE USG IN ITS PLANNING FOR NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. SELECTED SPECIFIC PROJECT COMMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

E. (1) ILO ASSISTED VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS FIRST PHASE. IT IS BEING EXPANDED TO SEVERAL OUTLYING AREAS OF THAILAND AND IS NOTABLE IN THAT IT HAS AN INFLUENCE ON RURAL POPULACE.

(2) THE UNESCO PROMOTION OF TEACHING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAS ALSO BEEN PROGRESSING EXCELLENTLY, WITH SEVERAL COURSES ALREADY SUCCESSFULLY TESTED. PROJECTIONS FOR PHASE II ACHIEVEMENTS MAY BE OVERLY AMBITIOUS.

(3) POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING ASSISTANCE - SEVERAL PROJECTS ARE BEING EXECUTED BY WHO, UNESCO AND UNICEF FOR UNFPA.

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ALL OF THESE PROJECTS ARE COMPLEMENTARY TO USG AND RTG EFFORTS. MINIMAL RTG COMMITMENT EVIDENT IN THESE PROJECTS AND PROGNOSIS FOR CONTINUATION AFTER END OF UN FUNDING NOT YET DIFINED. TIME TABLES FOR SOME OF THE UNFPA FUNDED PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SLIPPED IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, GREATER LOCAL COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION WOULD IMPROVE CHANCES OF SUCCESS IN THESE PROJECTS AS WOULD INCREASED RESPONSIVENESS BY UNFPA NEW YORK TO QUESTIONS POSED BY RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES.

(4) UNFDAC PROJECT - THIS SMALL EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT IS FINALLY MAKING PROGRESS AND WILL PROVIDE ESSENTIAL RAW DATA FOR LARGER FUTURE EFFORTS. USG IS PLANNING COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES IN NEAR FUTURE BUILT PARTIALLY ON EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM UNFDAC PROJECT. A CLOSER INSTITUTIONAL CONNECTION WITH THE RTG IS NEEDED TO ASSURE CONTINUATION AND REPLICATION OF PROJECT ONCE UN FUNDING CEASES. THIS SHOULD BE BUILT IN DURING THE NEXT YEAR.

(5) UNIDO ASSISTANCE TO INDUSTRIAL FINANCE CORPORATION OF THAILAND (IFC/T) HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL AND SHOULD BE CONTINUED. ASSISTANCE TO APPLIED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CORPORATION THAILAND (ASRCT) IS PHASING OUT AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DO SO. A UN EVALUATION TEAM IN DECEMBER 1972 RECOMMENDED SPECIFIC CHANGES AIMED AT INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INSTITUTION. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND RESULT IS THAT ASSISTANCE NOT BEING UTILIZED EFFECTIVELY.

F. UNDP HAS USED TRIPARTITE REVIEW SYSTEM ON SEVERAL PROJECTS WITH GOOD RESULTS. RES REPS OFFICE BELIEVES THAT AS WITH COUNTRY REVIEWS, MORE EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE NEEDED BEFORE AN EDUCATED EVALUATION OF THE SYSTEMS USEFULNESS CAN BE MADE.

G. NORMAL DIFFICULTIES EXIST IN OBTAINING QUALIFIED COUNTER PARTS WITH WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. THIS ATTRIBUTED TO ABSORBITIVE CAPACITY AND PROJECT DESIGN DIFFICULTIES IN AREAS WHERE UNDP IS WORKING. THE RECENT REVIEWS HAVE IDENTIFIED AREAS WHERE THESE PROBLEMS EXIST AND THE UNDP AND RTG ARE MOVING TO ELIMINATE THEM.

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